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In re the Application of:

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For: STEERING COLUMN APPARATUS

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AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

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Sir:

Prior to the commencement of continued examination,
please amend the above-identified patent application as
indicated below.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing
of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.